

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims remaining in the application is respectfully requested in view of the above changes and the following remarks.

Claims 1-14 have been cancelled and claims 16-35 added. The new claims address the various rejections under Section 112, 2nd paragraph.

Examiner has questioned the meaning of the expression "Be". The complete expression "°Be" is an internationally recognized measure of density, as illustrated by its usage in the prior art. See the specification, page 4, lines 18, describing the disclosure of Sheshadri et al, *Salt Research and Industry*, 7:39-44 (April-July 1970).

Support for the new claims is found in the specification as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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